

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method of displaying trading trends for an investment comprising the steps of:

receiving a first opening value and a first closing value for the investment for a series of consecutive first time intervals within a time period;

receiving a second opening value and a second closing value for the investment for a series of consecutive second time intervals within the time period wherein the second time interval is not equal to the first time interval;

calculating a first opening value trend for the first time intervals using a market trend indicator and the first opening values for the investment, and a second opening value trend for the second time intervals using the market trend indicator and the second opening values for the investment;

calculating a first closing value trend for the first time intervals using the market trend indicator and the first closing values for the investment, and a second closing value trend for the second time intervals using the market trend indicator and the second closing values for the underlying investment;

displaying a first visual favorable/unfavorable trade indicator for the first time intervals based on a comparison of the first opening value trend to the first closing value trend for the investment, wherein the first visual favorable/unfavorable trade indicator is a first color whenever the first closing value trend is greater than the first opening value trend and the first visual favorable/unfavorable trade indicator is a second color whenever the first closing value trend is lower than the first opening value trend; ~~and~~

displaying a second visual favorable/unfavorable trade indicator for the second time intervals based on a comparison of the second opening value trend to the second closing value trend for the investment, wherein the second visual favorable/unfavorable trade indicator is a first color whenever the second closing value trend is greater than the second opening value trend and the second visual favorable/unfavorable trade indicator is a second color whenever the second closing value trend is lower than the second opening value trend; and

wherein the first and second visual favorable/unfavorable trade indicators alert a user to a best time interval to enter or exit the investment.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the first opening value is an opening price and the first closing value is a closing price.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the first opening value is an opening trading volume and the first closing value is a closing volume.

Claim 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (previously presented): The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the first color is green.

Claim 6 (canceled)

Claim 7 (previously presented): The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the second color is red.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the first visual favorable/unfavorable trade indicator displays the first time interval and the second visual favorable/unfavorable trade indicator displays the second time interval.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The method as recited in claim 1 further comprising the step of displaying the first opening value trend as a first line and the first closing value trend as a second line in a graph.

Claim 10 (original): The method as recited in claim 9 further comprising the step of displaying a list of information about a point selected on either the first line or the second line.

Claim 11 (original): The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the market trend indicator comprises one or more regression algorithms selected from: stochastics, relative strength, directional movement, commodity channel, simple average, exponential average weighted average, MACD (simple), MACD (exponential), momentum/ROC, midrange, William's %R, parabolic stop, volatility stop, trailing stop, high low stop, Bollinger Bands, Keltner Channel, uniform channel, regression channel, swing lines, cycle forecast, on balance volume, overlay chart, point & figure, moving average, moving linear regression, upper envelope, lower envelope, %K, %D, %D slow, %D averaged, %R, RSI, momentum, acceleration, moving average oscillator, moving average momentum, moving average convergence-divergence oscillator, moving average convergence-divergence, MACD signal line, commodity channel index, rate of change in prices, on balance volume variance, standard deviation, volatility ratio, volatility, skew, kurtosis, Williams Accumulated Distribution, Arm's Ease of Movement, plus directional indicator, minus directional indicator, directional movement and average directional movement.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the first opening value trend is calculated without using the first opening value from the most recent first time interval within the time period.

Claim 13 (original): The method as recited in claim 1 further comprising the steps of:
selecting a market information source;
communicably connecting to the market information source; and
selecting the investment.

Claim 14 (original): The method as recited in claim 1 further comprising the step of executing a trade involving the investment.

Claim 15 (original): The method as recited in claim 1 further comprising the step of simulating an execution of a trade involving the investment.

Claim 16 (original): The method as recited in claim 1 further comprising the step of calculating a potential tax liability for an execution of a trade involving the investment.

Claim 17 (original): The method as recited in claim 1 further comprising the step of searching for one or more investment trading opportunities based on one or more search criteria.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The method as recited in claim 1 further comprising the step of selecting the first time interval or the second time interval.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the first time interval is a first preset time interval and the second time interval is a second preset time interval based on a user profile.

Claim 20 (previously presented): The method as recited in claim 1 further comprising the step of repeating all of the recited steps for a set of different time intervals.

Claim 21 (previously presented): The method as recited in claim 20 wherein the set of different time intervals comprises fifteen minutes, thirty minutes, one hour, ninety minutes and two hours.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The method as recited in claim 20 wherein the set of different time intervals comprises one day, one week and one month.

Claim 23 (previously presented): The method as recited in claim 1 further comprising the step of repeating all of the recited steps for two or more investments.

Claim 24 (previously presented): The method as recited in claim 1 further comprising the step of updating the first opening values, the first closing values, the first opening value trend, the first closing value trend and the first visual favorable/unfavorable trade indicator.

Claim 25 (previously presented): The method as recited in claim 24 further comprising the step of signaling a user whenever any of the visual favorable/unfavorable trade indicators change.

Claim 26 (currently amended): A computer readable medium encoded with a computer program for displaying trading trends for an investment comprising:

 a code segment for receiving a first opening value and a first closing value for the investment for a series of consecutive first time intervals within a time period;

 a code segment for receiving a second opening value and a second closing value for the investment for a series of consecutive second time intervals within the time period wherein the second time interval is not equal to the first time interval;

a code segment for calculating a first opening value trend for the first time intervals using a market trend indicator and the first opening values for the investment, and a second opening value trend for the second time intervals using the market trend indicator and the second opening values for the investment;

a code segment for calculating a first closing value trend for the first time intervals using the market trend indicator and the first closing values for the investment, and a second closing value trend for the second time intervals using the market trend indicator and the second closing values for the underlying investment;

a code segment for displaying a first visual favorable/unfavorable trade indicator for the first time intervals based on a comparison of the first opening value trend to the first closing value trend for the investment, wherein the first visual favorable/unfavorable trade indicator is a first color whenever the first closing value trend is greater than the first opening value trend and the first visual favorable/unfavorable trade indicator is a second color whenever the first closing value trend is lower than the first opening value trend; and

a code segment for displaying a second visual favorable/unfavorable trade indicator for the second time intervals based on a comparison of the second opening value trend to the second closing value trend for the investment, wherein the second visual favorable/unfavorable trade indicator is a first color whenever the second closing value trend is greater than the second opening value trend and the second visual favorable/unfavorable trade indicator is a second color whenever the second closing value trend is lower than the second opening value trend; and

wherein the first and second visual favorable/unfavorable trade indicators alert a user to a best time interval to enter or exit the investment.

Claim 27 (previously presented): The computer program as recited in claim 26 further comprising a code segment for displaying the first opening value trend as a first line and the first closing value trend as a second line in a graph.

Claim 28 (original): The computer program as recited in claim 27 further comprising a code segment for displaying a list of information about a point selected on either the first line or the second line.

Claim 29 (original): The computer program as recited in claim 26 wherein the market trend indicator comprises one or more regression algorithms selected from: stochastics, relative strength, directional movement, commodity channel, simple average, exponential average weighted average, MACD (simple), MACD (exponential), momentum/ROC, midrange, William's %R, parabolic stop, volatility stop, trailing stop, high low stop, Bollinger Bands, Keltner Channel, uniform channel, regression channel, swing lines, cycle forecast, on balance volume, overlay chart, point & figure, moving average, moving linear regression, upper envelope, lower envelope, %K, %D, %D slow, %D averaged, %R, RSI, momentum, acceleration, moving average oscillator, moving average momentum, moving average convergence-divergence oscillator, moving average convergence-divergence, MACD signal line, commodity channel index, rate of change in prices, on balance volume variance, standard deviation, volatility ratio, volatility, skew, kurtosis, Williams Accumulated Distribution, Arm's Ease of Movement, plus directional indicator, minus directional indicator, directional movement and average directional movement.

Claim 30 (original): The computer program as recited in claim 26 further comprising:
a code segment for selecting a market information source;
a code segment for communicably connecting to the market information source;
and
a code segment for selecting the investment.

Claim 31 (original): The computer program as recited in claim 26 further comprising a code segment for executing a trade involving the investment.

Claim 32 (original): The computer program as recited in claim 26 further comprising a code segment for simulating an execution of a trade involving the investment.

Claim 33 (original): The computer program as recited in claim 26 further comprising a code segment for calculating a potential tax liability for an execution of a trade involving the investment.

Claim 34 (original): The computer program as recited in claim 26 further comprising a code segment for searching for one or more investment trading opportunities based on one or more search criteria.

Claim 35 (previously presented): The computer program as recited in claim 26 further comprising a code segment for selecting the first time interval or the second time interval.

Claim 36 (previously presented): The computer program as recited in claim 26 further comprising a code segment for repeating all of the recited steps for a set of different time intervals.

Claim 37 (previously presented): The computer program as recited in claim 26 further comprising a code segment for repeating all of the recited steps for two or more investments.

Claim 38 (previously presented): The computer program as recited in claim 26 further comprising a code segment for updating the first opening values, the first closing values, the first opening value trend, the first closing value trend and the first visual favorable/unfavorable trade indicator.

Claim 39 (previously presented): The computer program as recited in claim 38 further comprising a code segment for signaling a user whenever any of the visual favorable/unfavorable trade indicators change.

Claim 40 (currently amended): An apparatus for displaying trading trends for an investment comprising:

a computer communicably connected to a market information source;
a display communicably connected to the computer; ~~and~~
the computer (a) receiving a first opening value and a first closing value for the investment for a series of consecutive first time intervals within a time period from the market information source, (b) receiving a second opening value and a second closing value for the investment for a series of consecutive second time intervals within the time period wherein the second time interval is not equal to the first time interval, (c) calculating a first opening value trend for the first time intervals using a market trend indicator and the first opening values for the investment, and a second opening value trend for the second time intervals using the market trend indicator and the second opening values for the investment, (d) calculating a first closing value trend for the first time intervals using the market trend indicator and the first closing values for the investment, and a second closing value trend for the second time intervals using the market trend indicator and the second closing values for the underlying investment, (e) displaying a first visual favorable/unfavorable trade indicator for the first time intervals based on a comparison of the first opening value trend to the first closing value trend for the investment on the display, wherein the first visual favorable/unfavorable trade indicator is a first color whenever the first closing value trend is greater than the first opening value trend and the first visual favorable/unfavorable trade indicator is a second color whenever the first closing value trend is lower than the first opening value trend, and (f) displaying a second visual favorable/unfavorable trade indicator for the second time intervals based on a comparison of the second opening value trend to the second closing value trend for the investment, wherein the second visual favorable/unfavorable

trade indicator is a first color whenever the second closing value trend is greater than the second opening value trend and the second visual favorable/unfavorable trade indicator is a second color whenever the second closing value trend is lower than the second opening value trend; and

wherein the first and second visual favorable/unfavorable trade indicators alert a user to a best time interval to enter or exit the investment.